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COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT'S ADDRESS

At the time of writing, I have learned that there is to be a new Minister of National Defence and that the Chief of Defence Staff is to become Canada's Ambassador to the United States. General de Chastelain has served the Forces in an exemplary fashion over the last three years, despite incredible pressures and the vagaries of politicians and politics. I know I speak for all Dragoons when I wish him well as he assumes his new position. One can only hope that the rapport between the new Minister and the new CDS will be close and to Canada's benefit.



The Regiment and C Squadron have both experienced changes of command; airborne soldiers in Petawawa have been cross trained by Dragoons so they can do a semi-mechanized job in Somalia; A Squadron is now soldiering in Somalia; individuals serve in UN positions in eastern Europe and elsewhere, and commitments increase. It is my fervent hope that the Department of National Defence will review the shrinking budget and re-allocate funds in a more equitable manner. The army is simply not receiving its fair share. Not only should the army personnel ceiling be raised, but equipment purchases should be re-addressed. No one should forget that a new main battle tank is still required, sooner rather than later.

Dragoons are good at doing whatever is required because Commanding Officers historically have ensured that personnel are trained for war. It has been proven time and time again that troops trained for war can readily meet the lesser demands of sovereignty, civil responsibilities, international peace and security through stability and peacekeeping, arms control, and a host of other tasks which are thrust on soldiers from time to time.

I am confident that The Royal Canadian Dragoons will continue to serve Canadians in our 110th year very well, even though the equipment table remains an enigma. For more than a century, the bravery and courage of our soldiers is attested by the honour roll, the battle honours, and by one visit to the Regimental Museum in Gagetown or the Regimental Gallery in Petawawa.

The Regimental traditions must be passed on from year to year, from veteran to recruit, traditions which are perpetuated first and foremost by the full dress of our guards and again by the two Regimental badges worn on button and beret. The latest acquisition are the medals of our Lt E.E. Price, the most decorated Canadian Army subaltern of World War I.

Springbok '93 will assuredly contain a message from my successor who will assume my appointment in June 1993. Therefore, I wish to take this opportunity to say how extremely proud I have been to be your Colonel and how extremely proud I have been to be associated with Dragoons (serving and retired) all around the world. I will continue to support the Regiment in the years to come. God bless you all.

Good Luck, God Speed, Good Hunting,

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P.H.C. Carew'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping 'P' and 'C'.

P.H.C Carew

Brigadier-General

Colonel of the Regiment

COMMANDING OFFICER'S ADDRESS

The end of 1992 saw the Regiment prepare and deploy A Squadron to Somalia as part of the United Nations response to the crisis in that country. The Regiment had seven days to prepare the personnel and equipment from time of warning. The effort put forth by all Dragoons to meet this deadline and produce a fully equipped and trained squadron was nothing short of magnificent. The squadron lacked for nothing as the Regiment, to a man, gave freely of time and resources to ensure that they deployed with the best of everything available.

I found this effort indicative of the Regimental esprit de corps. No matter what the squadrons or individual soldiers undertook, whether it was participating in the SSF Ironman or OSONS Challenge Competitions, or running an AVGP Driver Course for 75 Airborne Troopers on 24 hours notice, Dragoons ensured that the task was completed demonstrating the quality and enthusiasm of Dragoon soldiers, senior NCOs and officers.

We will see the Regiment undergo a significant number of changes in 1993. C Squadron in Gagetown will re-badge in July to become A Squadron 8CH (PL). This may be seen as a loss for the Regiment, however, it should more properly be viewed as a gain for the Corps as we lead the way for the Army in forming the first truly Total Force Regiment. Our soldiers will be well looked after in their new Regiment. 1993 will also mark the return of tanks to Petawawa, an event that is long overdue.

The Regiment looks forward to its 110th year of service which should be as busy and challenging as those which have come before. We will mark this special anniversary by receiving the Freedom of the City of Pembroke in November during Leliefontein week.



M.G. Macdonald

M.G. Macdonald, MBE, CD

Lieutenant-Colonel

Commanding Officer

The Royal Canadian Dragoons

REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR'S ADDRESS



The end of my tenure as Regimental Sergeant Major is rapidly approaching. It has been an experience I will cherish forever. I wish to thank all members of the Regiment for their support from the turret to the parade square; you have made me proud to be part of the Dragoon family.

A new era of soldiering is upon us and some of the events and happenings are unfamiliar. Continue to teach and practice the basic art of soldiering. It will provide you with the strength and endurance that is required for Regimental life. As I leave the Regiment I will also leave the Canadian Army. It has been a life I have thoroughly enjoyed; a life that would not have been so easy at times, had it not been for my wife Sandra. I thank her for all of her support. I will maintain contact with the Dragoon family and watch many fine careers develop. I will also endeavour to attend Regimental celebrations and functions and help set the standard for fun and frolic. God Bless and sleep warm.

YOUTH IS A BLUNDER
MANHOOD A STRUGGLE
OLD AGE A REGRETFUL REWARD

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. Mercer'.

S. Mercer
Chief Warrant Officer
Regimental Sergeant Major
The Royal Canadian Dragoons

1992

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY

**-PCF
COURSES**



FEBRUARY

-BIATHLON

-WINTER WARFARE

-EX PROUD FLAG



MARCH

**-GUN CAMP
FORT DRUM**

-EX RAPID CHARGE

**APRIL -RAMSHEAD TRAINING
-RENDEZVOUS 92
DEPLOYMENT**

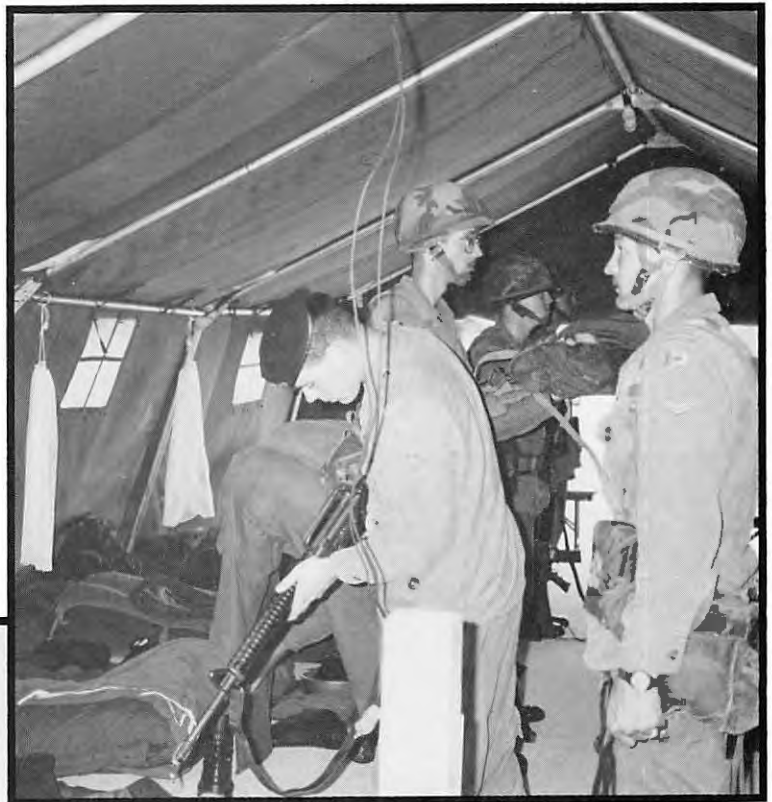


**MAY -RENDEZVOUS 92
WAINWRIGHT
-EX SOLID SABRE**

**JUNE -RAMSHEAD
-ADVENTURE TRAINING
-RCD CHANGE
OF COMMAND**



**JULY -BLOCK LEAVE
-NRQS, ARTS, CTC
TASKINGS**



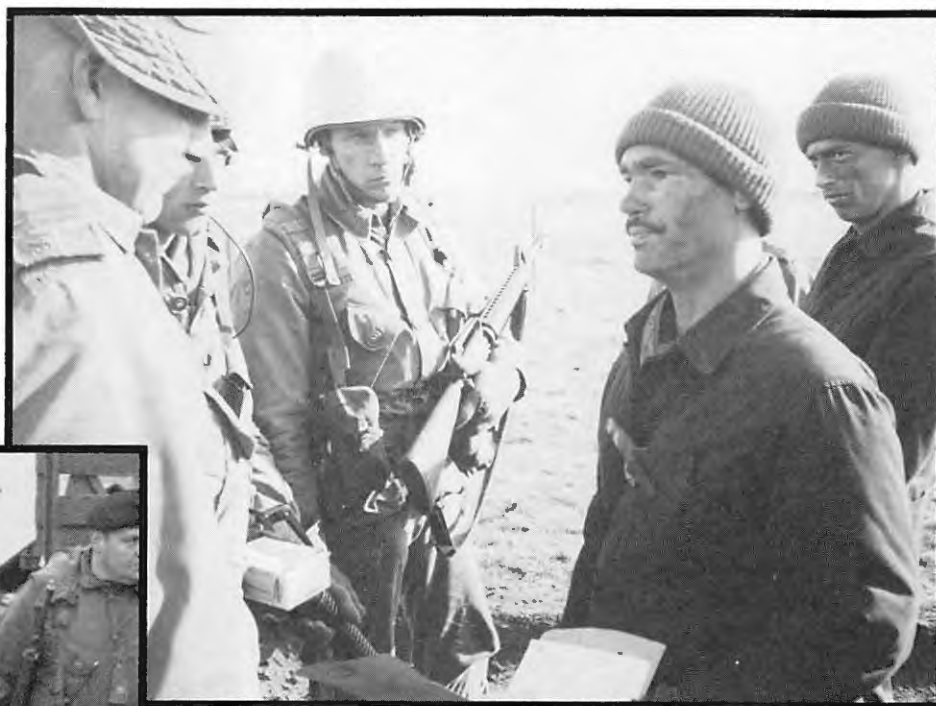
**AUGUST -CAC 92
-SSF CHANGE
OF COMMAND
-SQUADRON
FAMILY DAY**



**SEPTEMBER -OSONS
CHALLENGE
-IRONMAN
-SQUADRON
REFRESHER
TRAINING**



OCTOBER -EX SOUTHERN
STIRRUP
-EX STALWART
PROVIDENCE



NOVEMBER -ATI



DECEMBER -COMMANDER'S
INSPECTION
-CHRISTMAS
LEAVE
-OP DELIVERENCE

BATTLE-PROVEN



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REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

RHQ started 1992 with intense preparations for ATI. Despite an ongoing struggle to find our own hangar space, work continued at a good pace. When the time for the inspections came our work came to a successful end. The best part of the deal was that we finally acquired our own hangar bays.

February and March were fairly slow training months as the Regiment hosted the SSF and FMC Biathlon Championships. Although the task fell to Recce Squadron, RHQ personnel augmented the Squadron as the task continued to grow.



60 SECURING RHQ

The spring saw a return to the type of training that RHQ was accustomed to; CPXs, deployments and step-ups across the training area in preparation for PETCON 92. Meaford was as beautiful as always (NOT!) and while the sabre troops found the going tough, our tracks took us where others dared not go. RHQ worked well throughout and it was easy to see that our work-up training had paid off. The exercise finished with combat team attacks, and while RHQ proper had to stay out of harms way, 60 was hard at work in OPs, tank hunting teams and flank security.

Time passed quickly as the Regiment moved on to conduct live-fire exercises and a Small Unit Exchange with the 1/4 CAV from Fort Riley, Kansas. RHQ was always present, helping to coordinate and organize (what would they do without us?!). The summer was filled with preparations for PCF courses, CAC and the inevitable deluge of summer taskings.

As the leaves started to turn, our attention turned back to training. Once again there were troop deployments and a CPX or two. This was a prelude to a training in Fort Drum, New York, where we were able to introduce our clerks to some of the finer points of foot patrolling (not to mention a recce or two of the PX). Our happy return to Petawawa was darkened by the pending ATI and SSF Staff Visit. Once again the shoulder went to the wheel. Yet another good showing made a happy note for all those going on Christmas leave. The year ended as it had began, with the Regiment working hard and RHQ setting the standard.



REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Seated: Capt Milner, CWO Mercer, LCol Macdonald, Maj Barsauskas, Capt Nixon, Capt Hollingsworth;

2nd Row: Capt Malejczuk, Cpl Clarke, Cpl Hall, Cpl Roach, Sgt Tarrant, Sgt Rollo, Sgt Cable, WO Lamarche, MCpl Chenier, Capt Percival, WO Buchanan;

3rd Row: Cpl McGuigan, Cpl Gardiner, Cpl Morrison, Cpl Doiron, MCpl Dobbin, MCpl Lavine, MCpl Parker, Cpl Potter, Capt Workman, Lt Mural;

4th Row: Cpl Brunner, Cpl Potochnik, Tpr Kroft, Cpl Thomas, MCpl Asselin, MCpl Meeghan, MCpl McNutt, Cpl Bernard, Pte Johnson, MCpl Sandford;

5th Row: Tpr Keddy, Cpl Rose, Tpr Verville, Cpl Leeson, Cpl Martin, Cpl Sampson, Cpl MacDougall.

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TO SELL MORE RAFFLE TICKETS**



**MCPL CHENIER "I KNOW SOME-
THING THAT YOU DON'T KNOW"**

**CAPT MILNER: THIS IS
DEFINITLY NOT A LEOPARD
TANK; OR THE BUDGET CUTS
HAVE REALLY HIT THE SIZE OF
THE 105 ROUNDS**



**MCPL BEMISTER: HOW
MANY RP'S DOES IT TAKE
TO TYPE UP AN ID CARD
APPLICATION?**



**WO O'BRIEN CAUGHT IN THE
ACT**



**WINTER INDOC RHQ STYLE:
CPL BERNARD, CPL GARDNER,
CPL LEESON, MCPL SANFORD,
WO BUCHANAN**





**CAPTAIN HOLLINGSWORTH:
ENSURE YOU FILL OUT THE
PROPER FORM WHEN YOU
HAVE COMPLETED YOUR
CALL**

**AN IDLE AFTERNOON IN
BERGEN-HOHNE, 1952**



**PADRE SCHARF IS ON A
MISSION FROM 9999**

A SQUADRON

1992 proved to be the year that Dragoons excelled once again in a gunnery competition and the Springbok returned to Africa on operational duty.

After a well deserved Christmas leave, Winter Warfare training started off the year. The combination of ice fishing, tent races and frigid conditions certainly indoctrinated us!

February saw the beginning of Ramshead training and our introduction to AFV slides A to ZZ!!!

In March, the Squadron deployed on EX RAPID CHARGE to Collins Bay Penitentiary in "balmy" Kingston. However, since we were moving to the "field", typical RCD operational weather prevailed and we were buried in Kingston's worst snowfall in years. The guard shifts and tours of the "pen" certainly made us happy to be on the other side of the wall. The last week of March saw A Squadron in Meaford continuing with live fire training for Ramshead.



April was very busy for the Squadron. 9 April 1992 was the day BGen Crabbe visited the Regiment for his inspection. It was a nice warm day with about four feet of snow in the training area. After spending most of the day bogged in our Cougars, we ended up retaking F-104 from subversive forces. EX SOLID SABRE ended the month and took A Squadron into May. The Combat Team and Battle Group exercise with 1 RCR was highlighted by live fire battle runs which provided a valuable experience for all.

As soon as the Squadron came out of the field, furious and intensive training was conducted for Ramshead. In fact, it was so intense, that we were forced to move to Meaford to finish our gunnery training, as the Petawawa fire index reached an all-time high.

4 June 1992 was a historic day for A Squadron. Participating in the actual Ramshead competition SHQ, 1, 2, and 3 Troop's scored impressive results with the final tally putting us only 280 points behind the 12 RBC. The crew of 13A (WO Franklin, Cpl Mitchell and Tpr Bowring) led the way as the Top Crew in the Corps. A Squadron's Headquarters rated as the best in the Corps, while 3 Troop and 1 Troop finished second and third during the battle runs.

July was occupied with NRQS (Calgary) and ARTS (Petawawa) taskings with the remainder taking leave.

August saw Admin Troop deploy to Meaford for CAC '92 (11-30 August 1992) while the remainder of the Squadron either attended or provided instruction for Regimental PCF courses.

From 8 - 25 September 1992 A Squadron practiced its skills up to the Troop level in the Petawawa training area.

A Regimental exercise, EX SOUTHERN THRUST was held in Petawawa and Fort Drum, New York. We concentrated on Troop and Squadron training in Petawawa but used the excellent facilities of Fort Drum to conduct small arms, NBC, M72 sub-calibre and Cougar gunnery training. Many a fine coffee cup was sent to the A Squadron "Co-ax Hall of Fame" as LCol Macdonald can attest.



13C CELEBRATING THE END OF RAMSHEAD TRAINING

20 - 25 October 1992 was EX STALWART PROVIDENCE, an exercise designed to test the Canadian Airborne Regiment's SOPs for Somalia. It was a memorable event and no one will forget "Big Mac", helpful "Roger", the evil "Islamic Brotherhood" or the fingerless "Herr Von Manshten". October ended with Leliefontein week where A Squadron won the drill competition with MCpl Spencer in charge.

November was ATI "month" and a chance for everyone to catch a quick breather.

A Squadron's year ended quite spectacularly. After undergoing an inspection by BGen Beno, the Squadron received a warning order 3 December for OP DELIVERENCE as part of the Airborne Battle Group. A Squadron spent two and a half feverish weeks fixing vehicles, conducting crew and individual training, and preparing kit. Despite being DAG'd, jabbed and briefed we loaded the vehicles onto trains 13 December and borrowed MTC Cougars to conduct final live fire in Canada on 18 December. The transformation of A Squadron was quite impressive and a task that required the complete support of the Regiment.



The deployment for OP DELIVERENCE took place with the OC, Maj Kampman, landing in Mogadishu on 21 December. The remainder of the Squadron began arriving by US aircraft on 31 December and was complete by 10 January 1993.

A SQN "TOP GUNS": THE CORPS BEST CREW L TO R:

TPR BOWRING, WO FRANKLIN AND CPL MITCHELL

**“WHAT DID THE OC SAY
ABOUT OUR BATTLE
RUN?”**



**EX STALWART PROVIDENCE: A
STARVING SOMALI A.K.A. TPR
TURMEL ASKS FOR TWO ICE
CREAMS FROM 19C**

**“BIG MAC” NEGOTIATES WITH THE
ISLAMIC BROTHERHOOD**



**TPR SCOTT GUARDING A
SQUADRON'S BIVOUAC
DURING EX RAPID
CHARGE**



**RAMSHEAD TRAINING: A SQUADRON
PREPARES FOR YET ANOTHER BATTLE
RUN**

**MCPL TONEGUZZO TAKES AIM
ON AN UNSUSPECTING FIGURE
11 TARGET**



DRAGOONS RETURN TO AFRICA

The Springbok is worn proudly in Somalia as this yearbook goes into print. Operating in the area of Belet Huen the squadron morale is high. With the support from the Regiment, A Squadron continues its humanitarian mission in Somalia and realizes that "Its another fine day to be a Dragoon!"



CPL FOSTER BEING LED ONTO THE TRAIN BY MCPL HARTLEY



MCPL POTHIER SHOWING OFF HIS EXPERTISE IN LOADING TRAINS

FROM SNOW TO SAND, A SQUADRON PREPARING ITS VEHICLES FOR DEPARTURE TO SOMALIA



B SQUADRON

B Squadron charged into 1992 with two months packed full of training. We had an extensive PT program that involved a regular schedule of running, snow shoeing and cross-country skiing. In January, we also completed our week of winter indoctrination training which demonstrated various methods of how to survive the cold. This was quickly followed by a month and a half of gunnery training and preparation for a military display in Eganville.



Our gunnery training was successfully completed with a live fire gun camp in Meaford. This was followed by EX SPRINGBOK GALLUP in Fort Drum. Upon our return in April, we prepared ourselves for the Brigade Commander's Inspection. After Easter, we went straight back to the field for combat team training with 1 RCR. EX SOLID SABRE ended with live fire combat team battle runs at Juliette tower.

During all this, we also prepared to deploy to Kansas as part of a Small Unit Exchange with the 1st of the 4th Cavalry at Fort Riley. However, this was cancelled, which instead gave us the opportunity to host our US counterparts here in Petawawa. As seen by the number of fishing rods displayed on their arrival, members of the 1/4 Cav anticipated something different from the training filled schedule we had planned for them. However, train they did, and in a very short time they had assimilated the knowledge to drive and gun the Cougar to a very high standard. Their departure was met with some relief as we all wondered how we were going to pay for it all!

Next came the change of command parade where Maj Atkinson and SSM Levesque took over from Maj Ferron and SSM Munger. Despite remaining a priority, PT became only a small part of our day as the long days of summer were filled with the training of the Militia AVGP drivers. This lasted from 0530 to well into the night. B Squadron ran three driver courses and everybody except the MCpls went on leave. Once back from leave, training resumed and PCF courses were run. Of course, there was also CAC, but the less said about it the better.

Now with a particular sense of deja-vu, the training cycle resumed with EX WALKING BEAR a.k.a. RUNNING DEER. This combat team demonstration was conducted with even less pyro than the year before, but as usual, was a success. The offense obviously in hand, we then concentrated on the defense in a short exercise in which we demonstrated our proficiency rather quickly. The OC, figuring

that we deserved some sort of reward, decided to go to Fort Drum to conduct a gun camp, and of course, do some Christmas shopping. Upon our return it was time to train the Airborne for Somalia with EX STALWART PROVIDENCE. The Senior NCO's of the Squadron, true to their Crusader roots, displayed a marked reluctance to adopt Muslim headdress.



**NOW THAT WAS
SHEER EXCITEMENT!**

finish the second portion of the SUE by surviving a 30 hour bus trip to Fort Riley, Kansas. After a week of training on the American equipment (not to mention Christmas shopping!) B Squadron survived the dreaded bus trip home. The year finished off with a successful Christmas party and everyone went home to enjoy Christmas, as they said their farewells both to A Squadron and 1992.

**AT THE O GROUP, LT WINFIELD
REALIZES THE ADVANTAGES OF
EAR DEFENDERS**

Finally came, ATL. Parts previously unheard of suddenly appeared, complete with dust from their prolonged storage. B Squadron, as usual, excelled.

With this portion of the dreaded calendar year complete, the soldiers finally were able to

**CAPT NEWTON MEETS
RESISTANCE AS HE CRAWLS
INTO THE DRIVERS HATCH
OF A CAPTURED IRAQI T-72,
IN FORT RILEY, KANSAS**



NOW IF WE TAKE HEART
ROUTE TO NORTH BAY...



NOW BACK JUST A
LITTLE FURTHER
AND....

CPL KING AND TPR
ROONEY CHECKING OUT
AN APACHE HELICOPTER



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MCPL COX CREW
COMMANDING A
T-72



I AM SURE THAT BOTTLE
OF BLACK TOWER WAS
HERE JUST A MINUTE
AGO!

NOW IF WE STARE REAL
HARD MAYBE HE'LL GO
AWAY





THIS IS THE NEW
DEHYDRATED 76 MM
AMMO; JUST ADD
WATER

TPR DRAEGER, CPL SCULLION
AND TPR MEADE CHECK OUT
AN IRAQI BMP 1



NOW ISN'T THIS THE
CUTEST FACE YOU'VE
LAID EYES ON?!

C SQUADRON

This article has no small amount of historical significance in that it will be the last contribution to the Springbok for quite some time from C Squadron RCD. As you know, C Squadron RCD will be rebadging to A Squadron 8CH (PL) in the summer of 1993.

We began 1992 with the ever popular Annual Technical Inspection. ATI preparations saw crews swarming over their vehicles with tools and checklists, putting the finishing touches on their tank before being scrutinized by the inspection teams. Having sailed through ATI, the Squadron then got down to the bread and butter of armoured warfare training- gunnery.

C Squadron conducted its own in-house

Basic Leopard Gunner Course which qualified ten new gunners. At the same time, the rest of the Squadron sharpened its own gunnery skills with a two week refresher prior to taking the tanks out onto the range. The twelve day gun camp was a resounding success.

As soon as the tanks were cleaned up from gun camp it was time for the Squadron to start psyching up for RV 92. Preparations for that exercise began in March. The Squadron covered a lot of refresher training and reviewed the tactics they would employ at Wainwright. RV 92 was an excellent experience for C Squadron. The CFB Wainwright training area proved to be superb tank country and tested the skills of the crews to the limit. RV 92 contributed greatly to the overall body of knowledge and experience in the Squadron. Our return from Alberta was followed promptly by the annual Squadron rotation of personnel which included a change of command. The Change of Command Parade took place on 30 June 92 and saw Major C.J. Glauninger relinquish command to Major P.T. Haindl.

As Maj Haindl moved into his new position, the Squadron worked its way through a summer routine which was highlighted by the support of Combat Training Centre activities such as Armour Ph III and an Infantry School exercise REGAL STRIKE. These taskings brought us up to early August and the commencement of block leave.

When the personnel of C Squadron returned fresh and rested from block leave in September, it was time to deploy on exercise again. We started with the basics of crew commanding and worked our way through troop level and Squadron level training and got a start on combat team level operations. Two weeks of this type of training made for an excellent preparation for our support of the Combat Team Commander's Course. Two more weeks of intensive support of CTCC brought our Fall deployment period to an end.



C SQUADRON ON THE MOVE IN WAINWRIGHT

As the squadron busied itself cleaning and repairing the tanks, plans were being made to visit our brother Dragoons in Petawawa. The last week in October saw the entire Squadron board buses and head for a week long reunion in Petawawa. The time spent there was highlighted by a sports day (won by C Squadron), a drill competition, mess dinners, a parade and many other activities in celebration of the action at Leliefontein.



After C Squadron returned from Petawawa we celebrated Leliefontein in our own style at Gagetown. Activities included a sports day and the dedication of a stained glass window in the Roman Catholic chapel on base.

**C SQN ON THE ADVANCE FORDING
THE BATTLE RIVER IN WAINWRIGHT**

With the Leliefontein celebrations behind us, the Squadron threw itself into refresher training which featured two weeks of all basic soldiering skills such as small arms, grenades and M-72s.

The late Fall brought a new activity to the C Squadron calendar. For the first time ever, C Squadron ran a Basic Mountain Ops Course with support from the Infantry School and 22 Field Squadron. This course was conducted in the CFB Gagetown training area. It covered many aspects of mountain warfare and culminated in a tactical exercise.



As the year came to a close, we found that we had come full circle and once again were preparing for ATL. The year saw a lot of hard work and dedication go into the operation of the most potent Armoured force in Canada. At C Squadron we are confident that 1993 will be just as successful.

A T-72 IN C SQN HANDS



**CHANGE OF COMMAND
FROM MAJOR C.J.
GLAUNINGER TO MAJOR P.T.
HAINDL**

**HEIMLICH MANOUVER
ON A ROCKFACE**



**MAINTENANCE DAY
IN THE FIELD**

C SQUADRON
THE ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS
SEPTEMBER 1992

1st row (left to right)
 Sgt Whitehall, WO Betts, WO Robichaud, Lt Atherton, Capt Kouri, MWO Rousseau,
 Maj Haindl, Capt Rostek, Lt Donald, WO Skelding, WO Stewart, WO Corney, WO Nickerson

2nd row (left to right)
 Sgt Dale, Sgt Campbell, Sgt Louwet, Sgt Boucher, Sgt Saunders, MCpl Ryce, Cpl Piercy, Tpr Theriault, MCpl Devin, Cpl Stephenson,
 MCpl McNeil, Cpl Johnston, Cpl Dixon, Tpr Dyke, Cpl Crossman, Cpl Evans, Pte Lapointe, Tpr Smith, Cpl Fortin, Cpl Rousseaux, Cpl Morrison,
 Tpr Legros, Tpr Cotie, Sgt Rowe, Sgt Lavallee, Sgt Williams, Sgt Wile

3rd row (left to right)
 Tpr Landry, MCpl Richer, Tpr Carson, Cpl Land, Cpl Francis, Cpl Hounsell, Cpl Woodcroft, MCpl Cole, Cpl Burt, Cpl Michalik, Cpl Burgess,
 Cpl Brooks, Cpl Brown, Cpl Wilson, MCpl Pike, Pte Thompson, Tpr Henstock, Tpr Carberry, Cpl Draves, Cpl Turay, Cpl Johnson, Cpl Glover,
 Cpl Drew, MCpl Noel, Tpr Goodyear

4th row (left to right)
 MCpl Haverson, Cpl McLaughlan, Cpl Peterson, Tpr Duffet, MCpl MacLean, Cpl Rowlinson, Tpr McCrea, Cpl Tzaferis, MCpl Wilcox, Cpl Golding,
 MCpl Martin, Cpl Zulak, Cpl Harju, Cpl Gallant, Cpl Cormier, Cpl Gillis, MCpl Tremblay, Tpr Dunn, MCpl Pynn, MCpl Maksymuk,
 Cpl Nicholson, MCpl Trainor, Tpr McHugh, Cpl Zahorodney, Tpr Konkie, MCpl Theriault, Cpl Adams, MCpl Mulholland, Cpl Thibodeau

5th row (left to right)
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 Tpr Sampson, Cpl Bowen, MCpl Lussier, Cpl Bradley, Cpl Gould, Cpl Stacey, Cpl Kruger, Cpl Delarosbil, Cpl Perry, LS MacLeod, Tpr Fee,
 Cpl Luomala, Cpl Marrs, Cpl Pollock

Missing from Photo

Lt Neily, Lt Novati, Lt Peppard, Sgt Abels, Sgt Savoie, MCpl Bamberger, MCpl Bennett, MCpl Carper, MCpl Jones, Cpl Comeau, Cpl Cormier KL,
 Cpl Davis, Cpl Desrochers, Cpl Dupuis, Cpl Hannah, Cpl Kelly, Cpl Lahey, Cpl MacLaren, Cpl Malloy, Cpl Marentette, Cpl Millham,
 Cpl Nicholson, Cpl Nickerson, Cpl Parsons, Pte Lambert, Tpr McLaughlin



RECCE SQUADRON

The new year started off on a different note for the soldiers of Recce Squadron. The new word was BIATHLON. Recce Squadron was tasked with the organization and operation of the SSF, FMC and Cadet National Biathlon Championships. It was a demanding three months after which the Squadron was more than ready to return to training for war.

The troops started in early March with patrol and troop level refresher training. This included gunnery, communications, first-aid, NBC, SOP's and tactics. During this period Assault Troop got their hands on some explosives and proceeded to disintegrate everything they could get away with.



Late March and April saw the troops in high gear preparing for deployment to Wainwright. Many long days and nights were spent planning the details for the six weeks of RV 92. It was exciting to be a part of the birth and death of the 1st Canadian Division Recce Regiment.

Upon redeployment, some of the troops went canoeing and others SCUBA diving for adventure training. The remainder of the Squadron carried out the normal post-exercise activities of cleaning and repairing very tired Lynxes. The summer months brought a well deserved rest and many new faces. Rotation saw massive changes in the Squadron. New people included the OC, BC, two Tp Ldrs, the SSM, two WOs, seven Sgts, twelve MCpls, eight Cpls and eight Tprs. Despite such a huge overhaul, Major Zaporzan quickly got down to business and laid the groundwork for the new Regime.

In late July and August, the Squadron was tasked with a variety of courses which included the Light Track and the Assault Trooper Course.

In September the Squadron deployed to the field and conducted troop training which included the advance, withdrawal, defensive screens. It was at this time that the Troop Warrant Officers broke in their new troop leaders, who in turn were trying to figure out what the Squadron Commander wanted to see. It sounds simple enough, but there were times when not everyone saw eye to eye. Regardless, what the Squadron Commander wanted, he got. Its my way or my way!!!.

Recce Squadron deployed to Fort Drum, New York for small arms and FIBUA training. With the Canadian Airborne Regiment's deployment to Somalia, the Regiment was tasked to run EX STALWART PROVIDENCE. This exercise was a final test of their training and exposed the Airborne to several potential situations. Recce Squadron was involved in numerous scenarios ranging from

portraying starving crowds to manning roadblocks. Many humorous situations arose but none were as humorous as Warrant Officer Boutillier portraying Clan Chieftain Abdullah Defou.

In November the Squadron began preparing for the Annual Technical Inspection (ATI). This task required many hours of monotonous labour and never ending cleaning. The effort was not in vain, as Recce had its best showing in recent years. ATI was



SQUADRON BIVOUAC IN WAINRIGHT

assess our soldiers' knowledge and skill. Recce Squadron was chosen to conduct a 13km forced march and range practice. Recce performed above standard with a combined march time of 93 minutes.

Shortly after the Commander's Inspection, Brigadier General Beno announced that A Squadron would deploy with the Airborne Regiment to Somalia. This did not give A Squadron much time to prepare. It was good news, but a great deal of work and training had to be done. Once again, Recce Squadron put forth a tremendous effort on very short notice in aid of A Squadron's training. The



TPRS DONOVAN, CARPENTER AND MACLEAN LOADING THE TRAIN HEADED FOR WAINWRIGHT

followed by the Commander's Inspection.

This years Commander's Inspection was a little different from past years. The Commander not only inspected our equipment but also assigned tasks to

TPRS ROACH AND DESBIENS WITH CAPT WAYNE "TARZAN" BRUNTON



tasks included everything from range practices to vehicle painting. Many personal sacrifices were made and some soldiers worked right up to Christmas Eve.

Finally, the Squadron was stood down for the Christmas holidays. It was a well deserved break and a chance to unload, ease springs, and recharge the batteries for 1993. 1992 will be remembered as a very busy and productive year with Recce Squadron, as always, leading the way.



**TPR CONRAD FEELING
THE LONELINESS OF
COMMAND**



**MCPLS PICHEL AND BUTT
SHOWING THEIR EXPERTISE
IN THE ART OF BARBEQUING**

**SGT GIRARD WHEN HE IS
NOT ON THE DROP ZONE**





MCPL BECKETT TRYING
TO WIN AN OSCAR WITH
MCPL MONAGHAN AND
CPL MACARTHUR AS
SUPPORTING ACTORS



2 TP ANXIOUSLY WAITING FOR THE CALL



1 TP IN THE WAITING AREA PRIOR TO A JUMP



LT DANIEL RECEIVING A WNG O
FROM MAJ ZAPORZAN WHILE
CAPT MOREAU LOOKS A LITTLE
DISTRACTED



RECCE SQUADRON

1st Row: WO Muise, Sgt Hauschild, Sgt Prowse, Sgt Perrier, Sgt McPhail, WO Saunders, Lt Lussier, Capt Moreau, SSM Munger, Lt Adams, Lt Daniel, WO McNeil, WO Boutillier, Sgt Dorion, Sgt Adams, Sgt Girard, Sgt Ritchie, Sgt Cameron;

2nd Row: Tpr Speed, Tpr Duchesne, Tpr Laviolette, Cpl Oland, Cpl Gasser, Cpl Faubert, MCpl Wallace, Tpr Arndt, Cpl Norman, Tpr Wiebe, Tpr Desbiens, MCpl Clarke, Tpr Conrad, MCpl Boudreau, Tpr Fretter, MCpl Gwiazda;

3rd Row: Cpl Kennedy, Tpr Roach, Cpl Walker, Tpr Vanzytveld, Cpl Haynes, MCpl Monaghan, Tpr Clarke R.J., MCpl Butt, Tpr Sawchuk, Cpl Bard, Tpr Kusec, Tpr Haynes, Tpr O'Brien, Tpr Clark S.T., Cpl Guthrie, Cpl Chaloux, MCpl Rodd, Cpl Sommerville;

4th Row: Cpl Sigouin, Tpr Grant, Cpl Bacon, Sig O'Brien, Tpr Hape, Tpr Arseneau, MCpl Jinks, Cpl Pringle, MCpl Talbot, Cpl Clarke, Tpr Ferguson, Cfn Buck, MCpl Johannesson, MCpl McConnell, Tpr Hjesvold, MCpl Allinson, Tpr McCulloch;

5th Row: Tpr Barrett, Tpr Carpenter, MCpl Zinck, Tpr Petroschuk, MCpl Hatfield, Cpl McCarthur, MCpl Gorniak, Tpr Inouye, Cpl Evans, MCpl Bush, Cpl Monaghan, Cpl Duguay, MCpl Berrigan, Tpr Balez, MCpl Huff, Cpl Biddescombe, MCpl Beckett.



THE MIGHTY SHQ GOING ON A LONG RANGE PATROL. REAR RANK WO ST AMAND, CAPT SWAYNE, LT LUSSIER FRONT RANK MCPL BUSCH, CPL FAUBERT



HERE'S JOHNNY. MCPL ZINCK AND ONE OF HIS MANY FIELD PERSONA



SSM MUNGER TRYING HARD TO LOOK HARD AT WORK

MCPLS CAMPBELL, HATFIELD AND BERRIGAN MAKING PLANS TO TAKE OVER THE BC'S PT PERIOD



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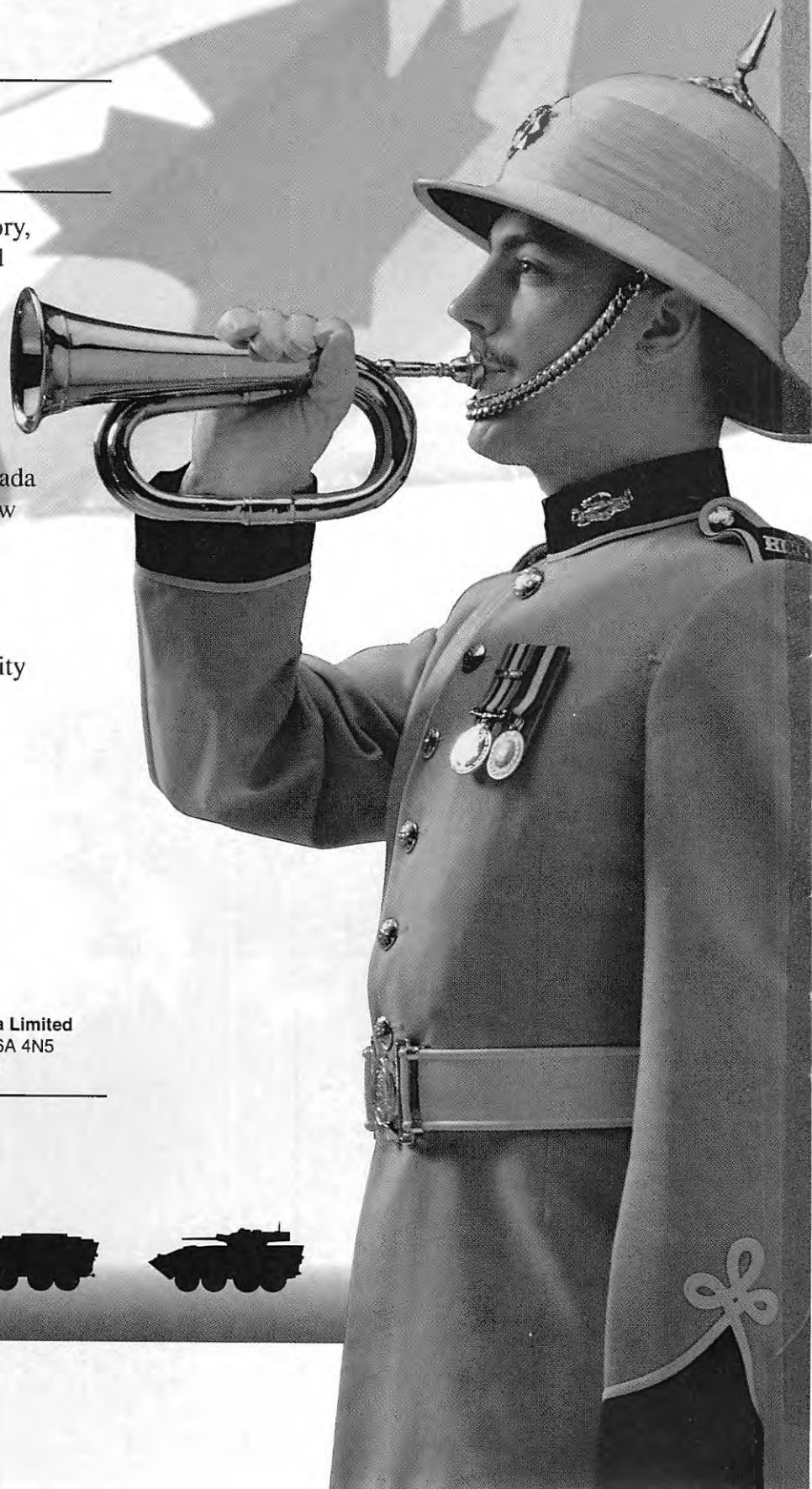
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HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

Training began in February for HQ Squadron this year by going to the Connaught Ranges. The Squadron completed the Shoot to Live qualification. In March, the pace picked up with the deployment to Kingston for EX RAPID CHARGE. It was three days of Aid to Federal Penitentiaries. Next we were off to Fort Drum N.Y. and Meaford for EX SPRINGBOK GALLUP. Here the Squadron did a Grenade stalk, live fire exercise, a live fire advance to contact (C7, C9, and Grenade), rappelling and a C7/C9 night shoot. In May it was PETCON in Meaford and Petawawa. There the Squadron did some serious Infantry stuff; advance to contacts, digging and manning trenches. Not a pretty sight! We finished off in July with a couple of weeks of well deserved leave.



Before long, it was back to the old grind. Personnel changes saw a new Officer Commanding, Maj J.R. Ferron and a new Sergeant Major, MWO Brown C.E. Their first operation together was support to CAC 92 in Meaford for three weeks in beautiful Ontario cottage-country.

Always on the go, HQ Squadron returned to Petawawa in time to prepare for a Regimental move to Fort Drum N.Y. in early October. In addition to supporting the other squadrons during gun camps, our soldiers managed to do some basic skills refresher training, including small arms and rappelling stands. HQ Squadron was so adept at FIBUA fighting that the Commander SSF flew in from Petawawa just to see the likes of Cpls Draper and Blair bust through doors and windows. The enemy didn't stand a chance!

October came to a close with the annual Leliefontein ceremonies and the HQ Squadron Tug-Of-War team, "Black Sheep" taking first place during the sports day. The sheer strength (and size) of men like Cpl Rowe and Sgt Barnett crushed the opposing squadrons.

November went by so fast that no records are even available to prove it existed. So for the sake of historical accuracy we'll say November 1992 happened but no one remembers it.

December will be remembered for the Commander's Inspection and ending with a number of our soldiers heading to Somalia for OP DELIVERANCE. It was a short but busy month. Cpl Callaghan from Transport Troop was accelerated promoted, MS MacDonald from the UMS helped organize a successful curling bonspiel, and all of Maintenance and QM Troops worked 24 hours a day to prepare the vehicles for Somalia. Before the holidays began the final act was the Soldier's Christmas dinner where Tpr Smith took the reins of power from the CO and Cpl Fells assumed the RSM's role for a day.

Overall 1992 was another busy and successful year for Headquarters Squadron. A place where the motto "if you don't have enough time, get up earlier" was born.



HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

1st Row: Sgt Tremblay, Sgt Fagan, Sgt Murphy, WO Decker, SSM Hills, Capt McCutcheon, Capt Royer, SSM Brown, Maj Ferron, Lt Boule, Capt Burke, Capt Oldham, MWO Cox, WO Dalton, Sgt McGrath, Sgt Osbourne, Sgt Barnett;

2nd Row: Cpl Lindsay, Cpl Miles, Cpl Otway, MCpl Nolin, MCpl Livingston, Cpl Barcier, Cpl Novodvorsky, MCpl Grist, MCpl Gore, Cpl Kochie, MCpl Robidoux, Cpl Thibert, Tpr David, Cpl Blair, Cpl Canning, MCpl Redmond, Cpl Perez;

3rd Row: Cpl Zimmerling, Cfn Lepack, Cpl McGill, Cpl Morrison, MCpl Larouche, Cpl Elliston, Cpl Deveaux, Cpl Fells, Cpl Schnurr, Cpl Adam, Cpl Bond, MCpl McKenzie, Sig Baybutt, Tpr Farbycuk, Cpl Bradley, MCpl Perree, Cfn Walbourne;

4th Row: MS McDougall, Cpl Peebles, Cpl Margetts, MCpl Moore, Tpr Callaghan, Cpl Kirwan, MCpl Bowden, Cpl Arsenault, MCpl Colbear, Cpl Wright, MCpl Goosney, Cpl Poole, Cpl Trithart, Cpl McKee, Cfn McGill, Cfn Grabowski ;

5th Row: Cpl Beauvais, Cpl Austin, Cpl Robinson-Vincent, Cpl Draper, Cpl Sage, Cpl Doufry, Cpl Lees, Cpl Dumont, Tpr Rice, Cpl McKenzie, MCpl Stringfellow, Cpl Ruiters, Cpl Rowe, Cfn Sherret.

HQ SQN - THE ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS 1992/1993



CPL BLAIR IN A TIGHT SPOT



CPL FELLS AND POOLE



**PRESENTING THE SSM WITH THE TBCU
TINY BLADDER CONTROL**



**MCPL MACKENZIE
CPL AUBERTIN**



**CPL SAGE
HAIRCUT!!**



THE COOKS



CPL R-V



WHAT IS HE POINTING AT?



BACK FROM THE FMC PFT



**MUST HAVE BEEN ANOTHER
OF FRENCHIES HOCKEY STORIES**



**SGTS FAGAN, BROOKS,
TREMBLAY & OSBORNE**



**CPLS MURANETZ, POOLE
AND MACKENZIE**



**SGT BROOKS AT HOME IN THE FIELD
ANY FOOL CAN BE UNCOMFORTABLE**



**TPR CALLAGHAN
MARSHMELLOW ROAST?**



**MCPL STRINGFELLOW
CAUGHT AGAIN**



DO THESE GUYS EVER SLEEP?



CPL POWER
HANDSOME EH!?



HAPPINESS IS FINISHING
ATI



MAJ FERRON AND MWO BROWN PRESENT
CPL MACKENZIE THE AEROBIC
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE



I AM SURE THIS IS CPL HAYES
FIRST BEER



LOOKING CIVILIAN THESE DAYS



THE QM AT HIS BEST



CFN MCGILL



CPLS NOVODVORSKY,
BRADLEY AND MORRISON



I'D SCRATCH MY HEAD TO
WITH A CREW LIKE THIS



WHAT EXCITEMENT!!!



MCPL MOORE AND WO MUISE



CFN GRABOWSKI FEEDS
HIS PET



SIG FINN
THIS JOB IS A BREEZE



RV 92 - THE AWARD



HQ SQN 1991 1992

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THE DRILL TEAM AT THEIR BEST



THE BOYS



TO BE CANADIAN



THE SSM STIRS THE FIRES OF HELL



TRY THIS AT SASSY'S!



THE SQN AT WAR!



CPL MILES & CPL MCGILL



CPLS BOND, LINDSAY & RUITERS



MCPL COLBEAR
SUPERVISES



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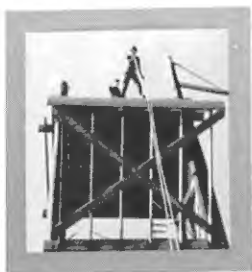
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COUNSELLING



CPL ELLISTON RELAXES



**IRONWOMAN
CPL KOCHIE**

TUG OF WAR TEAM



**CPL
BEAUVAIS**

WO DECKER, SGT FAGAN, SGT BROOKS,

CFN MCGILL

**MAJ FERRON
AUSSIE RAPPEL**



**CPL KOCHIE, MCPL BOWDEN
CFN GRABOWSKI**

**MWO COX
WO DALTON**

CAPT McCUTCHEON



SGT BARNETT DUCKS

MCPL MAHER & SGT THOMAS

CANOE-HEAD 89er



**CPL SCHNURR
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CHANGE OF COMMAND



CONTINUING THE TRADITION

LCOL HILLIER PASSING THE TORCH OFF TO LCOL MACDONALD



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L TO R : BGEN WATTSFORD, BGEN GRIEVE, BGEN CAREW,
COL BROWN, LGEN DANGERFIELD, MGEN MILNER, LCOL HILLIER



**LCOL HILLIER TAKES THE PARADE
FROM MAJ BARSAUSKAS**



**THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW
CO, LCOL MACDONALD**

MARCH ON THE GUIDON!



**THE INSPECTION: BGEN CRABBE
REVIEWING HQ SQN**



**LCOL HILLIER GIVING HIS
FAREWELL ADDRESS**

**THE DEED IS DONE: HAIL THE NEW
CO**



**LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT: IT'S BEEN A
WHILE SINCE I HAVE HAD TO
CONCENTRATE ON STAYING IN
STEP**



**EYES RIGHT! THE RCD COLOUR PARTY
IN ALL ITS SPLENDOR**

LELIEFONTEIN



**CAPT ROSTEK OF C SQUADRON PLACES
THE VICTORIA CROSSES ON THE GUIDON**



**BGEN BELL, THE COLONEL
COMMANDANT OF THE ROYAL
CANADIAN ARMoured CORPS**



**LT MALEJCZUK RECEIVING THE
CO'S SABRE FOR BEING THE TOP
LT IN THE REGIMENT**



**WO FRANKLIN RECEIVING THE
RSM'S PACE STICK FOR BEING THE
TOP WO IN THE RCD**

RCD MUSEUM



**BGEN CAREW CUTTING THE RIBBON
TO OFFICIALLY OPEN THE MUSEUM
IN PETAWAWA**



**C SQUADRON IN FULL FORCE AT
THE OPENING CEREMONIES**



**CPL HAND INSPECTING A GUN SIMILAR TO
THE ONE SAVED AT LELIEFONTEIN**

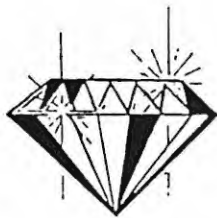


**MEMBERS OF THE RCD ASSOCIATION
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BIATHLON

This year's team got off to a late start but had a strong finish. Through the dedication and work of WO Nickerson, MCpls Neil, Bryant, Dobbin and Parker, the team was able to win a few medals. During the SSF Championships, the Biathlon team placed second in the 20km team event and third in the 4 X 7.5km relay. A special mention goes to MCpl Neil who placed first in the 20km individual biathlon.

The team was able to compete in the FMC Championships late in February where they put on a good show but did not manage to win any medals. The highlight of this competition was competing against Cpls Paquet and Cyr of Canada's Olympic Biathlon Team who had just finished competing in the 1992 Winter Olympics.

A well done to all the team members and good skiing next year.



TPR ARNDT SHOWING SIGNS OF EXHAUSTION AFTER A RACE



TPR TASKER, WO NICKERSON, AND TPR HAND DRIVING HARD TOWARDS THE FINISH LINE



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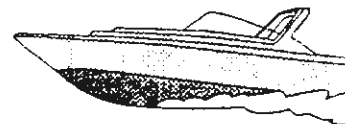
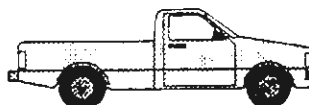
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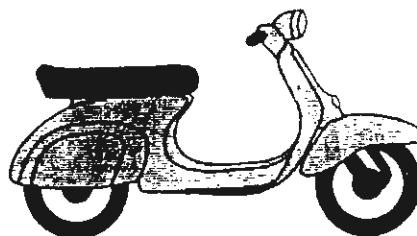
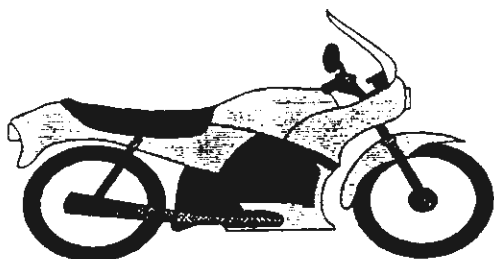
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IRONMAN 1992



Front row (L to R): Tpr Robertson, Cpl Kochie, Maj Ferron,
Tpr Dickson, Tpr Inouye
Rear Row (L to R): MWO Levesque, MCpl Parker, Tpr Cross,
Tpr Grant, Cpl Beauvais, Tpr Bennett, Tpr Balez, Tpr Arndt

If you are alive to read this letter then I assume you have survived Ironman 1992. It is a very special challenge and one you should be especially proud of undertaking. You have set an example for others in the Regiment to follow and that can only be good. I realize that Ironman is not an event that occurs only on the actual date of the competition, but rather something for which you dedicated a considerable amount of your free time. The training is difficult, demanding and long but, for you, obviously challenging and worthwhile.

I had the occasion to view the competition and I can say that you represented the Regiment with distinction. It was evident that all Dragoon competitors had taken the time to prepare for Ironman and therefore you looked professional, competent and fit. (If you were dying you hid it very well).

I am sending this quick note to all 12 personnel from the Regiment who competed in Ironman 92 to let you know that your efforts have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. I am sure all Dragons join with me in offering you congratulations for a job very well done.

Again, my sincere appreciation for representing the Royal Canadian Dragoons in such a fine manner.

Yours sincerely,

M.G. Macdonald, MBE, CD

Lieutenant-Colonel

Commanding Officer

The Royal Canadian Dragoons

REGIMENTAL SPORTS



THE MASS START OF THE SNOWSHOE RACE



TPR CLARK, R.J. FINISHING THE MIL-SKI COMPETITION



MCPL ALLINSON ROARS ACROSS THE FINISH LINE



I HAVE AN IDEA, LET'S USE THE POLE TO HOLD THIS THING UP



TERRY FOX RUN TEAM

Front Row Capt Hollingsworth, MCpl Toneguzzo, Maj Ferron, Lt Matechuk

Back Row SSM Levesque, Capt Milner, Tpr Simpson, Cpl Chaloux, Tpr Mitchell



RCD BROOMBALL TEAM

Front Row: MCpl Bennett, MCpl Neill, Cpl Deveau, MCpl Evans, Cpl Heinrichsberg, MCpl Boudreau
Back Row: Sgt Green, Sgt Hampel, MCpl Fahr, WO Nickerson, Cpl Levesque, Cpl Dignard, MCpl Kellar, Sgt Tarrant



SIG TAYLOR AND TPR SIMPSON SPRINTING DURING THE TENT GROUP COMPETITION



THE SNR NCO'S HOCKEY TEAM ATTEMPTING TO GAIN THE UPPER HAND IN THE ANNUAL OFFICER'S VS SNR NCO'S HOCKEY GAME

RENDEZ-VOUS 92

Recce Squadron's preparations for RV 92 began in early March with troop refresher training and maintenance. With a trainload of vehicles, two tractor trailers worth of stores and three planeloads of soldiers, Recce Squadron found its new home in the Cattalo 2 bivouac area of CFB Wainwright. The first week consisted of setting up the bivouac and organizing the training areas. From the very start, it was obvious that we were going to have problems with the vehicles. By the second week, the troops were down to 4 or 5 vehicles each and unfortunately, that was as good as it was to get. At one point, the Squadron was down so many vehicles that the training had to be switched to dismounted operations.



ONE OF THE MANY SUES TO TAKE PLACE DURING RV 92

Following a four day Squadron exercise, it was time to become B Squadron, 1 Canadian Division Reconnaissance Regiment. With the Squadron deployed into a screen, the enemy's attempt to ford the Battle River was met by tremendous artillery fire. A second attempt was made at dawn, but this time the enemy was obliterated by Multiple Launch Rocket System artillery directed by the soldiers in the observation posts. The enemy, however, was "exercised" across the river and proceeded to saturate our area with vehicles and troops. With the Squadron surrounded, the order to pull out arrived. Unfortunately the withdrawal was accomplished with a loss of three quarters of the Squadron. With some tender nerves and a long list of debrief points, the exercise was called to an end and the wait for redeployment was on.



All in all, RV 92 proved many points. The most important being, that the quality and discipline of the troops will determine success or failure on the battlefield. Recce Squadron, to a man, demonstrated these essential characteristics in every task given. For all those who were part of RV 92, **IT WAS A GREAT DAY TO BE A DRAGOON!**

ONE OF 3 TPS MANY LOCATIONS ESTABLISHED DURING RV 92

RAMSHEAD '92



YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT?



...THIS IS HOME FOR THE NEXT 5 DAYS

“Target stop!”, was a familiar cry for all crews of A Squadron as they prepared for RAMSHEAD 92. A Squadron was given the word in January to begin training for the competition. Capt Derible and WO O'Brien quickly got to work developing a rigorous and challenging training plan. Training started with the basics and worked up to a mini-competition. The training was fast and furious and thanks to B Squadron, putting out the fires created by the live firing, our training continued uninterrupted. 0530 hrs 1 June A Squadron headed to the airport to await our transport to Camp Suffield. After many hours we arrived at our home for the next four days; a tent city in the middle of nowhere. The next couple of days were spent completing refresher training. On the 4 June it was A Squadron's turn to do their thing. Once the smoke had cleared and all the scores were tallied, A Squadron finished third in the Corps, but all was not lost as 14A with WO Franklin, Cpl Mitchell and Tpr Bowring brought home the trophy for top crew in the Corps.

Well done to all members of A Squadron! A special thanks goes out to Capt Frank and the SALH for their hospitality and generosity during our visit to Camp Suffield.



HI, HO, HI, HO IT'S OFF TO WORK WE GO



I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS

CAC 92



Once again, the Regiment deployed to Meaford to support the units from the Central Area for their annual concentration. The Regiment deployed on 11 August without any accidents along the way. It was a great start indeed.

A, B and Recce Squadrons were each tasked to provide support and expertise to the A1 and A2 echelons of two reserve units. This meant that the workload of the squadron 2ICs and SSMs was doubled! Long nights filled with DPs were the bread and butter of the squadrons during CAC 92.

In order to help us with second line support, a Forward Logistics Group from 2 Service Battalion was attached under command of Headquarters Squadron. Life in Headquarters Squadron was hectic. Having to support six reserve units was not a simple task. Every troop had to work 24/7 in order to fully support this exercise.

A, B and Recce were also busy trying to support their affiliated units throughout the exercise. A Squadron was affiliated with the Windsor and Ontario Regiments while B Squadron was supporting the 1 Hussars and the GGHG. The Elgin Regiment and the Queen's York Rangers were supported by Recce Squadron.

In order to make the final exercise more realistic, Headquarters Squadron deployed in the local area with the A2 and B echelons in separate locations. By doing this we were able to fully employ and appreciate the DP system.

The Regiment re-deployed to Petawawa with the satisfaction of a job well done. Dragoons!

SUE 1/4 CAV

The RCD convoy departed CFB Petawawa on it's southerly trek 4 December. After a thirty hour ride we arrived in Fort Riley at 0200 hours in the morning. We were warmly greeted by our American counterparts of the 1st of the 4th Cavalry or the "Quarter Cav". Once billeted, we managed to grab a couple hours sleep and then we were off to breakfast and a tour of Fort Riley.

First on the agenda was a quick briefing on the history of the Quarter Cav and the "Big Red One", the American First Infantry Division stationed at Fort Riley. Many were fascinated by their historical exploits starting with the Indian Wars to their most recent exploits in the Persian Gulf. We were

then bundled off to the Iraqi vehicle compound to see captured equipment from the Gulf War. Soldiers from the RCD enthusiastically deployed the Iraqi D30 152 mm artillery piece for action and occupied crew positions on the BMP1, T72, and the 2S1 SPG. A bus tour of the Fort included the Bison compound and the Military cemetery followed by a tour of the Quarter Cav and 1st Infantry Division museums. We were warmly greeted at the Quarter Cav Family Christmas Party in the afternoon, followed by a meet and greet with our First Troop counterparts that evening.

Early the next day the Squadron was broken into groups to be shuttled off to various stands to participate in training with American equipment. Some were given the opportunity to drive the M1A1 Abrams Tank and M3 Bradley Cavalry Fighting Vehicle. They were introduced to American vehicle recovery techniques and the gunnery system of the Abrams tank. Others took part in an air insertion patrol exercise using MILES equipment. This included a hair raising contour ride in a Blackhawk helicopter, during which some personnel found other uses for their helmets. After the insertion by chopper it was time to find the enemy using American patrolling techniques which vary only slightly from our own. After locating the enemy and a fire fight, they were transported back to the stand area for a debrief. There were no falsehoods passed; you were successful or you were dead, the equipment doesn't lie.

Still others were off for a day with the mortars. After practising on the INVERTRON they proceeded to the ranges to employ American fire mission techniques. We were permitted to prepare the mortar rounds for firing, fire the rounds, and call for and adjust the fire. Many came away with a better understanding and appreciation for artillery and mortar applications. The remaining group learned about weapons handling and fire orders for the Bradley in preparation for the ranges. This entailed a morning of instruction and a half day of training in the Bradley UCFT (Unit Control of Fire Trainer) simulator. The training and experience afforded us by the Americans at these various stands was greatly appreciated by all.

The final morning greeted us with a longing for home. There were many heartfelt thanks passed and promises of visits to be made and displays of true comradery not likely shared by armies of any other nations in the world.



TPR BISHOP DREAMING OF WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO BE IN A REAL TANK

STAINED GLASS WINDOW

A precedent has been set at CFB Gagetown. The congregation at the Roman Catholic Chapel on base now has a beautiful, custom-made, stained glass window courtesy of The Royal Canadian Dragoons.

The project to commission and install the window was a long, involved process. Fortunately, one lucky day we found a stained glass artist in Petawawa who has done other military stained glass works. Hans Collmorgen of The Stained Glass Shoppe eagerly took on the project.

Over the next several months, designs were faxed back and forth between Gagetown and Petawawa. Slowly, but surely, the project came together. The target date for installation and unveiling of the window was timed to be in conjunction with our annual Leliefontein celebration.

The actual design of the window consists of The Springbok symbol in one panel and a religious image selected by the Church Committee called "La Pieta" in the other. These panels are hemmed by a thin border of RCD colours.

The impetus for the donation of this window stems from the installation by the RCD in Petawawa of a stained glass window in their Protestant Chapel. The benefactor of this first ever stained glass window at CFB Gagetown was the Colonel Commandant of the Corps, Brigadier General G.G. Bell, OC, MBE, CD, who was on hand for the ceremonial unveiling of his generous gift.

Hopefully, this eye-catching work of art and fine tribute to the Regiment will serve as a motivating example to other units at Gagetown and inspire them to contribute their own stained glass windows to the Base Chapels.



RCD EXCHANGE OFFICER

LIFE WITH THE HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY

It does not seem that long ago since I was standing in sunny Petawawa anticipating two years duty with The Blues and Royals. Now a year and a half later I'm serving as 2IC C Squadron, The Blues and Royals in the Household Cavalry Regiment. A great deal has happened since our arrival here in July of 1991, and this synopsis of activities should give you some insight into the exchange.

Michele and I arrived in London on 1 July 1991. By noon 4 July I was standing on Salisbury Plain catching my first glimpse of The Blues and Royals. Like most Armoured Regiments they were extremely professional and I was relieved to find out that we operated similarly. Unfortunately we did not speak the same language and it took some time to sort out the rank structure. My Squadron Corporal Major (SSM equivalent) and Troop Corporals of Horse (Troop WO equivalent) can attest to this. By day six in the UK, having completed my handover, I found myself quite comfortably settled in to my Sultan Command Vehicle as A Squadron 2IC. My squadron was unique in that it was the only squadron in the Regular British Army equipped with Fox Armoured Cars.

On return to Windsor Michele and I began to settle in to our quarters and English life in general. The hardest part was adjusting to the rain and to household appliances that are half the size of what we are used to, having less power than a curling iron. After some leave in Scotland it was back to work for both Michele and myself. Michele's plans to take it easy for a while were dashed when she was asked to re-organize and teach at the Regimental play school.

Back at the squadron office it was time to gear up for EX BRITANNIA WAY. This two week exercise in Spain was a small unit exchange between A Squadron and a squadron from a Spanish Cavalry Regiment whose name is longer than the space I am permitted to use. It was a great exercise and probably the only opportunity I'll have to command an M47A1 tank. October ended with an assault troop concentration on Salisbury Plain. As the normal troop leader was away, I stepped in for a taste of the training. This was a week long exercise dedicated to the specialized training requirements of each squadron's assault troop. During the week we deployed 5 Combat Vehicle Recce Tracked (CVRT) and fired all Support Troop Weapons.

November saw me on a Battlefield tour of Normandy and the Ardennes, followed by preparations and the commencement of a Junior NCO Cadre Course (CLC equivalent) of which I was the co-ordinating officer. It is interesting to note that this course although shorter in length is almost identical to a CLC.

Things did not slow down in 1992; in fact the pace quickened as I returned to Salisbury Plain in January on EX GLOBE TROT. EX GLOBE TROT is a training exercise organized by the School of Infantry at Warminster which is part of the Combined Arms Tactics Course, otherwise known as the



Squadron Commanders Course. Little did I know that I would be a student on the course in just a few months. Also in January I spent a week and a half at RAF Brize Norton on a Unit Emplacement Officers Course.

After a few days rest the Squadron deployed in February on Ex Mountain Fling. Ex Mountain Fling was a dismounted escape and evasion exercise in Scotland. The exercise included a mixture of all tactical tasks that could be undertaken by a recce squadron whilst dismounted in a hostile environment. To add to the realism the Squadron was inserted and extracted by tactical air lift operations. As Unit Emplacement Officer I was reserved a seat in the cockpit of the Herc for the 3 1/2 hr journey at 250 feet.

March slowed down to a more reasonable pace as I tried to get reacquainted with Michele who had by now landed a very good teaching position in a private school. After taking a stab at FOE, the month ended with another Regimental Exercise on Salisbury Plain.

Most of April and May was spent in Warminster as a student on the Combined Arms Tactics Course. There were four Canadians on the course and we kept our British counter parts guessing by never wearing the same uniforms. As the Royal Armour Corps had subscribed no officers to the course the three Canadian Armour Officers benefitted substantially from the course when it came time to dish out the Armoured Command tasks. During 3 major FTX's my tasks were as follows: Sqn Ldr X 3, Infantry Fire Support Coy Comd, Milan Section Comd, Inf Pl Comd and FOO.

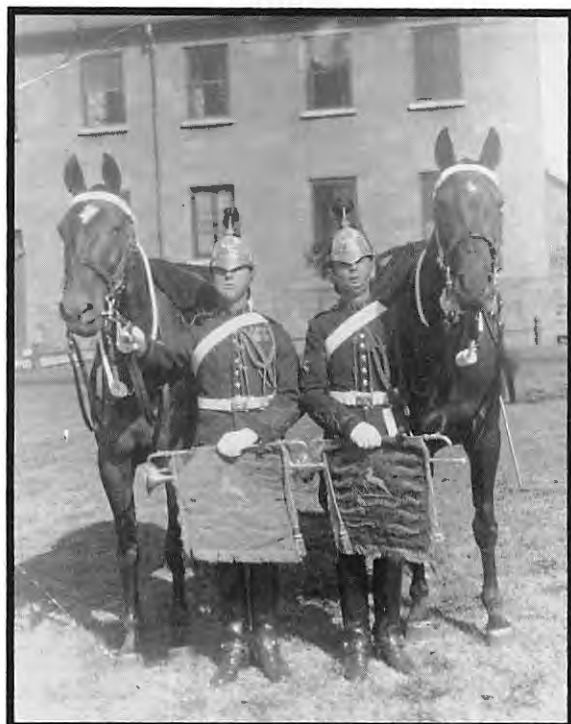
June saw my Squadron disbanded as the Regiment prepared to join forces with The Life Guards. I spent the next few months as the OC of a maintenance team responsible to hand the Fox armoured cars back to a main depot and to maintain a squadrons worth of equipment until it could be handed over to a Life Guard Squadron.

On 12 October I became the first exchange officer to serve with the Household Cavalry Regiment. On the same day I assumed my new position of C Squadron 2IC and have been busy with training plans, exercised on Dartmoor and various Battle Group Trainers to date. Currently I am on a riding course which for those like me, who know little about riding, is extremely difficult. It is an army course so I find myself mucking out horses at 0600hrs and being inspected in riding kit with horse at 0745hrs. It's a great deal of fun and I am looking forward to when they allow us to use stirrups. Thus for eight weeks riding takes up half my day and C Squadron the other. There is still quite a bit in store for me before I go. I am looking forward to passing out of riding school, two Regimental exercises, a Battle Group Trainer, a gun camp in Wales and the Standards Parade in London, where I will have the honour to roll past the Queen.

All in all it has been a great tour, rewarding both professionally and personally and I'm sure the last six months will offer more of the same.

Capt Andrew Coxhead

PAGE FROM THE PAST



**DRAGOON
TRUMPETERS,
1937**



**THE RCD BAND
PLAYING THE
"POST HORN
GALLOP" ON A
.303 ENFIELD**



**LT R.E.W. TURNER
2 FEB 1900, 9 MOS
BEFORE WINNING
THE VICTORIA
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EX "DONAU DASH", 1973.
C/S 12 B, SGT KITCHEN
CREW COMMANDING,
EMERGING FROM A FORD



TPR J. E. "SPIKE" MALONE
ON A. 27 "MIKE",
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C SQUADRON HARBOUR ROUTINE,
GERMANY, 1952



AN RCD TRUMPETER TAKING A BREAK
DURING THE 1938 CONCENTRATION



MAJ J. E. "SPIKE" MALONE CHAUFFERS
THREE SCANDINAVIAN CONCERT
PARTY GIRLS IN THE SINAI DESERT,
1962

BLUES AND ROYALS

EXCHANGE OFFICER

Despite being on a comparatively short tour as the British Exchange Officer to The Royal Canadian Dragoons I've managed to do and see a lot in Canada. In my six months, I have managed to travel as far afield as Edmonton, Iperwash, Trenton, Fort Drum and the wilds of Hull. Perhaps the highlights should include a chance to armour up and make a fool of myself in front of the Regiment during the inter-mess hockey game, as well as the opportunity to visit Cape Dorset in the Arctic.

Rather than describe what I've been up to, which will have been covered in the Recce Squadron article, I thought I'd share the experiences of my first day in Petawawa.

I suppose I should have known better, on my fourth trip to Canada since 1984, having had a little exposure to Canadian humour, to expect a practical joke or two. Nothing, however, could have prepared me for the "wind up" I was to experience.

I was marched in to see my new Commanding Officer with the comforting knowledge that I'd picked up seven days extra duties in as many minutes for being late for an appointment I never knew I had. The Commanding Officer was not quite what I'd expected, in fact, he struck me as more of a 55 year old mad professor than a man to control my destiny for the next six months. As I stood in front of him he proceeded to tell me that he hated all British, to get my haircut, to steer clear of Canadian women (or he'd perform a quick surgical operation without the luxury of anaesthetic) and that I wasn't allowed to drink more than two bottles of beer a week because he was a teetotaler. Good start, eh?

After signing for over \$300.00 of what appeared to me to be some rather useless and overpriced odds and ends I was assured by my escorting officer, Captain Hollingsworth, had to be purchased by all new officers, I finally arrived at B Squadron lines. It now appeared that I had 17 minutes to take over and sign for a Cougar and its equipment. Having never seen a Cougar this seemed somewhat daunting; never fear, I was to be assisted by Tpr Sharkey, my new driver. Tpr Sharkey, however, could be described as a "mature" balding man who seemed unused to wearing coveralls. As he scratched his pate, Sharkey informed me, in his Toronto drawl, that he had misplaced his laser range finder and then proceeded to demonstrate that he knew less about the Cougar than I did! Somehow we got through it, although the SQ seemed more interested in the big oil patches on my tan tropical service dress than the handover.

Finally a doctor interviewed me on my personal life. He was conducting the survey as part of a larger Canadian Forces study on HIV. The questionnaire was detailed and lengthy. It was only when the



LT T.P.R. DANIEL

cassette recorder under his desk reached the end of the tape with a "click" that I realized something was amiss. Slowly as my eyes opened, I discovered that the Commanding Officer was in fact the outgoing TQMS, the Cougar was not mine and the doctor was in fact Captain Hartley. To add insult to injury Tpr Sharkey bought me a drink in the Officer's Mess, now wearing Captain's bars and calling himself Jack! Whilst I was able to recover the damaging cassette, it all went a little wrong when I had inadvertently used it in my answering machine. Instead of the usual "hello, sorry I'm out..." sort of message, my mother ended up listening to a detailed discussion of my personal life. Her message was short and simple: "Tom darling, I had no idea." I suppose I should have known better.

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**MGEN MILNER SAYING FAREWELL
TO THE REGIMENTAL OFFICERS**



**BGEN RADLEY-WALTERS BEING
PRESENTED WITH A .303 LEE
ENFIELD RIFLE**



**LT AND MRS D ADAMS RECEIVING
A SILVER PLATTER AS A WEDDING
PRESENT FROM THE OFFICERS OF
THE REGIMENT**



**LET THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN. IT REALLY
DOES WORK!**



THE RCD OFFICERS MESS

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3rd Row: Lt Adams, Lt Atherton, Capt Ashford, Lt Larrett, Lt Muralt, Lt Vandenburg, Lt Lussier, Lt Pleadwell, Capt Newton, Lt Fleet, Lt Laursen, Capt McCutcheon, Capt Workman, Lt Neily.



THE RCD WARRANT OFFICER'S AND SERGEANT'S MESS

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3rd Row: Sgt Perrier, Sgt Desrochers, Sgt Clarke, Sgt Murphy, Sgt Mellish, Sgt Cable, Sgt Osbourne, Sgt McGrath, WO Whelan, Sgt Webber, Sgt Taylor, Sgt Slack;

4th Row: Sgt Prowse, Sgt Jazwinski, Sgt Girard, Sgt McPhail, Sgt Adams, WO McNeil, Sgt Ritchie, WO Feigen, WO Myre, WO Dalton, Sgt Carter, Sgt Grover, Sgt Guerin, WO Orr;

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

Here we are with the second issue of the Regimental family's annual journal - hard on the heels of the first, much delayed issue. Your Association executive would like to know whether of not you prefer this combined format over the old Association Newsletter sent out prior to last year. Opinions to the Secretary/Treasurer please.

As there was no reunion in 1992 there is nothing to report in this issue. Your executive met twice in April and October of '92. During the year three directors left the Board, ie. Bill Smith, Laird Gordon and Harry Watson. They have been replaced from the standby list by Don McNeil, John Pierce and Biff Watson.

Acting on your behalf, in Oct 92 the Board authorized a grant of \$5,000 from Association funds to assist with the newly established RCD museum display in Petawawa. This grant matches the \$5,000 donated to the project by the RCD Guild. A good deal of hard work has been done to date. The museum display now in place is a very good one and a fine start.

Your Executive is now examining the practicability and desirability of combining the Association and the Guild into an organization which can more effectively meet the largely common aims and purposes of both organizations. It is hoped to present a detailed proposal to the November 93 General Meeting for consideration by the membership.

All Association members are asked to consider donating their decorations, medals and Regimental artifacts to the RCD museum. Such donations can be made at any time or can be provided for in individual wills. In the same vein, donation of books will be much appreciated by the Regimental Library.

As noted elsewhere in this publication, the next Reunion and Association General Meeting will take place in Pembroke during the period 5 - 7 November 1993 in conjunction with the Regiments' Leliefontein celebrations. It promises to be a real dandy weekend so plan to be there and let us know early on. As part of this Leliefontein celebration the Regiment will be granted the Freedom of the City of Pembroke during a ceremony to take place at 1400 hrs, Saturday 6 Nov 93.

On our behalf, Don Morgan is organizing a trip to the Netherlands to co-incide with the 50th anniversary of its liberation. The FUP is your current address, start line in Amsterdam and the objective in Leeuwarden - to be recaptured by 15 April 1995. If you are interested in participating in the trip as a member of the RCD group please advise the organizers soonest.

Your new interim Secretary/Treasurer is:

John R. Beveridge

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Please forward your news, views and annual dues to him or to your Chapter.

Best wishes for 93 - see you in Pembroke in November!

TORONTO CHAPTER

Fortunately, with all of the precipitation in 1992, it did not rain on our parades - threatened - but did not rain. Now that I have said that, 1993 will be a wash out. In any event, the Toronto Chapter is functioning in traditional fashion. Our losses and acquisitions are maintaining the status quo. With thanks to a wonderful membership, we fulfilled a challenging schedule, literally with "Flying Colours".

The mini reunions are proving quite successful, both the Highland Creek and St Catharines events witnessed an increase in attendants over the initial gatherings in 1991. I guess we are on to something the members can relate to - a one day affair - in a specific area - minimal expense and travel. Of course we do not want to undermine the big one, the "Association Reunion", but perhaps through these get-to-togethers, we can drum up some enthusiasm for Pembroke in 1993.

In May 1980, The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 34, Orillia, Ont launched the first D-Day Dodgers reunion, the only one held to give recognition to those who served in the Italian campaign. One of the proponents of this event was an RCD- Sgt Everett "EV" Clarke, B.132785, who passed away on May 27/82.

The initial reunion attracted 110 veterans and spouses, in 1991 over 500 registered for this popular annual event, including 24 from the Toronto Chapter. Hey! This reunion is not indigenous to the Toronto Chapter. After the D-Day invasion of Normandy on June 6/44, the allied troops, who had battled their way from Sicily to the Senio were ignored. We were "The Forgotten War". Well we haven't forgotten. On May 7 to 9/93 Branch 34, Orillia, Ont will host the D-Day Dodgers reunion, celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the invasion of Sicily on July 10/43 - "Operation Husky".

The Queens Birthday Parade (Victoria Day) on May 18th, was a celebration of the Official Birthday in Canada of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The 1992 parade highlighted the 40th anniversary of Her

Majesty's Accession to the Throne, the 125th anniversary of Confederation, and the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Legislature of Upper Canada. Heading the parade were The Royal Canadian Dragoons, comprising a contingent from "B" Squadron in ceremonial uniform, under the command of Capt. Jeff Hartley, and 20 members of the Toronto Chapter, led by Lt Col Tommy Finnan. Our colour party was also expanded for this parade to include the recently purchased Regimental flag.



WHOOPING IT UP AT THE D-DAY DODGERS REUNION:

L-R: BOB BROWN, LES STRUZIK, ELMER HANEY, AL WADE, BILL FICE, JACK WALKER, ART THOMPSON

En route various memorials were saluted - the Old City Hall Cenotaph - the South Africa War Memorial - the RCAF Memorial - the World War One Memorial - and the North West Rebellion Memorial. Thousands of spectators lined University Ave under sunny skies watching the spectacle. Lieutenant- Governor Hal Jackman took the salute as we approached Queens Park. On dismissal, it was off to the Legion, Branch 42, for a glass of that golden throat charmer and an afternoon of comradeship.

The Warriors Day Parade is an annual event, sponsored by the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, Ont., and organized by the Warriors Day Parade Council. The parade takes place on the first Saturday following opening day of the "EX". Veterans Organizations, Military Units - both Regular and Reserve, Para-Military, and affiliated groups etc. from across Canada and the United States participated. Competition awards and trophies are open to applicants in various categories. Each year a group, organization or unit is honoured, and leads the parade. In 1992, the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (WRCNS) was honoured. The Toronto Chapter was proud to be accompanied by a contingent from the Regiment, with the CO Lt Col M.G. MacDonald, MBE, CD, and RSM CWO Sterling Mercer, CD, looking on. We also paraded our full Colour Party - two rifle bearers flanking the Regimental flag, followed by the Canadian, Union Jack and Red Ensign flags, and of course we still have our Association/Regimental Banner. Congratulations are extended to the donors, who helped to make this project "Fly". Remember my remarks in the opening paragraph "Flying Colours"!



WARRIORS DAY PARADE

WILLIAM A. KNISLEY MEMORIAL

William A Knisley, while serving with the Regiment in South Africa was recommended for the Victoria Cross following the the action at Leliefontein on 7 November 1900, but instead received the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Commemorating Knisley's exploits, the citizens of Haldimand County, where Knisley was born and raised, erected a memorial in his honour on 22 June 1907. Norm Wood discovered the monument, which is located in front of the Court House, adjacent to the Haldimand County Museum, Cayuga Ont.

While researching the history of Knisley with Merle Knight, Museum Curator, we proposed a commemorative service, honoring the Wm Knisley Memorial on behalf of the Association and the Regiment. Merle Knight agreed it would be an excellent idea. The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 159, Cayuga Ont were broached on the proposal, and they also concurred. From that point the program began to materialize.

Norm Wood began an excursion to various sources searching for Boer War artifacts and memorabilia. His foraging proved successful - an excellent display of Boer War and Regimental artifacts, memorabilia, equipment, and pictures were assembled by the Museum Staff. The exhibit remained intact for two weeks following the Commemorative Service, which took place on Sunday, 27 September 1992. The service

was complete - colour parties from the Chapter and Branch 159, along with two members from the Regiment in scarlet's flanked the monument. Chapter and Branch 159 members formed up, a vocalist sang the National Anthem and God Save The Queen. The Padre gave the benediction, a reading of the action at Leliefontein, remarks from the M.P. - M.P.P. and Mayor, were read. There was a placing of wreaths; Last Post , Silent Lament, and Reveille were played. This was followed by the presentation of two prints of the "Saving The Guns" to Branch 159 and the Museum. This was followed by an excellent reception at Branch 159.

The turn out of our members from the surrounding area, was most encouraging. Although many are worthy of acknowledgement, the supreme accolade must go to Legion Branch 159 who hosted the affair, supplied the key personnel, and assisted in the organizing . Without their participation I am certain the event may not have happened. It must also be noted, Branch 159 hold their Remembrance Day Service at the Knisley Memorial. We, the Association and the Regiment should be grateful to the members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 159, Cayuga Ont, who are watching over this piece of Regimental history.



WM. A. KNISLEY
MEMORIAL



PRESENTING PRINTS OF "SAVING THE GUNS" L TO R- CPL D.W. BENCH, RCD, GEORGE MILLER, PRESIDENT RCL BRANCH 159, ED GRAY, MERLE KNIGHT, MUSEUM CURATOR, CPL DRAPER, RCD

Remembrance Day traditionally closes out the year's activity. Our attendance was up, and Mother Nature gave us a break. Tommy Finnan had the honour of placing the RCD wreath on the cenotaph. Legion Branch 42 once again proved to be an excellent host.

1993 no doubt will embody a significant amount of activity to keep our membership active. However, first and foremost is "Reunion 1993". Pembroke, Ont.

We will be there! How about you?

Sincerely

Ed Gray

Secretary

UPPER OTTAWA VALLEY

We begin this newsletter by welcoming all serving members of the Regiment encompassing all ranks who have become full voting members of the Association as a result of making a monthly allotment through their pay to the Guild as well as all of the Regimental Officers who have joined our Chapter. The members who make monthly allotments to the Guild have not in the past been recognized for their considerable contribution to the Regiment. As a result, our membership has swollen to approximately 300 members in the Chapter.

Our Aims and Objectives in support of our Regiment are easily met by ex-members and serving members such as yourselves by taking an active interest in the well-being of the Regiment. We for our part, continue to take an active part in all of the Regimental family functions and hope to be an Association that all serving members may be proud of and consider being a member of, upon their termination of service in the Canadian Armed Forces.

We try to maintain an active social calendar with such things as Casino nights, barbeques, and regular monthly Sunday brunches as well as a varied amount of sporting occasions such as curling, golf tournaments etc., whereby members bring out their families and friends. There is of course, a standing invitation for all serving members to take part in any of our functions. Our brunches are prepared by a very capable chef, George Leal along with an assist from his family. Ray Sims our entertainment chairman, and his good lady along with others who pitch-in where needed. These Sunday brunches certainly enhance the family concept.

The success of our chapter depends upon successful fund raising activities. These funds are used for such things as wreaths, and flowers etc. for funerals or hospitalization of members or immediate family (if we are informed), hospital comforts such as magazines, fruit baskets etc., and as honors/awards for Regimental disbursement. As well, we utilize these funds for the day to day running of our Chapter. You can no doubt appreciate the importance of such fund raising activities when you consider that membership fees go to the National association and these fund raising activities are the only way we have of supporting our Chapter.

We are prepared for the 1993 Leliefontein celebration to take place in Pembroke and Petawawa. Those of you who have received the last Springbok, will be aware of the Conference hotel (Best Western Pembroke Inn) and that the Mayor of Pembroke, His Worship Terrance V. McCann, will be honoring the Regiment with the granting of the Freedom of the City to the Regiment in conjunction with the 110th birthday celebrations. The annual Meeting of the Board of Directors will take place at this time in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the membership. We are reaching out to all Association members to make this gathering a memorable event. We have established a very capable committee to ensure that all matters will be taken care of such as accommodation, buses, programs, conferences, and entertainment.

The Association was invited and honored to have a contingent attend the men's Christmas Dinner on 16 December 1992, which was followed by our being invited to take part in the annual "Officer's at Home" to the WO's and Senior NCO's Mess. It brought back many fond memories of days gone by.

In closing all of us in the Ottawa Valley Chapter wish best regards to all "Black-Hatters" and

especially to those still serving. On behalf of the executive of the RCD Association and the Petawawa Chapter, it gives me great pleasure to extend to all serving members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons Association a most enjoyable, healthy, and prosperous New Year and an open invitation to attend the 1993 reunion in November 1993. We look forward to seeing as many as possible of those planning on attending.

Yours Sincerely,

Thomas J. Parr Chairman Upper
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ATLANTIC REGIONAL CHAPTER

We take this opportunity to wish all Dragoons both serving and retired a prosperous, healthy and happy 1993.

Our Chapter has had its normal quiet but rather successful year. Our membership averages between 125 and 150 members. Not bad but there are that many and more out in the weeds in this area. The question is how do we attract them to join the Association?

Our BBQ last June was a huge success and our reunion last November was also a success. We had the honour of having the following attend our reunion: Colonel of the Regiment BGen Carew and Mrs. Carew, the Colonel Commandant of the Armour Corps BGen Bell and Mrs Bell, the Commanding Officer of the Regiment LCol MacDonald and his Regimental Sergeant Major CWO Mercer. We sincerely hope that they enjoyed themselves and will visit us again in the near future.

By the time that you receive this newsletter C Squadron will have rebadged to 8CH. A sad day for our Chapter and all Dragoons in the Atlantic area. Not only has C Squadron been a strong supporter of our Chapter, they have been a part of our Chapter, we will truly miss them. All members of our Chapter are very grateful for the kind support that has been provided to us over the years. We wish all former members of C Squadron, RCD a happy and successful future.

The past year has not been all joy as once again I must sadly report the loss of loved ones. Marion Borden, wife of Harold "Chopper" Borden, Dorothy Murphy, wife of Lester Murphy and June Ingram, wife of George Ingram. We again send out our deepest sympathy, we will always remember.

We wish Tom Parr and the Upper Ottawa Valley Chapter a successful 1993 reunion in Petawawa and Pembroke. Hopefully this will be the best one ever.

Once again there are many Dragoons dug in all over Canada. Sign them up as a member of our Association or mail their address to the nearest Chapter.

Well that is it for this time. Keep your tracks tight and barrel free from droop.

The Down Homer Gang
Atlantic Chapter

LELIEFONTEIN GAGETOWN 7 NOV 92



A FINE EXAMPLE OF DOWN HOMERS
-LAURA BURKE - BARB JOHNSON -
CACELIA MACALLISTER - DOUG
BURKE - TOM JOHNSON - KEN
MACALLISTER

THERE CAME THREE WISEMEN
FROM THE EAST:

LEO MACDONALD - FRANK FAZIO
- RON GRAHAM



LADIES WINE AND
CHEESE:

IF IT WAS NOT DISCUSSED
BY THIS GROUP THEN IT
WILL NEVER BE

RCD ASSOCIATION
FINANICAL STATEMENT
PERIOD ENDING 31 DEC 92

ASSETS:

Cash

General Acct \$1958.63

Life Acct \$2237.82

Petty Cash \$ 27.29

Accounts Receivable

E ON Chapter \$ 175.00

Postage Imprest Acct

Atlantic Chapter \$ 100.00

Toronto Region Chapter \$ 100.00

Upper Ottawa Valley Chapter \$ 100.00

GIC's \$18,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$22,698.74

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1993 Annual Meeting and Reunion

As decided at the last General Meeting, the 1993 get-together will be held in Pembroke, ON. The dates of the Reunion are Fri.-Sun., 5-7 Nov 93. The venue will be the Best Western Pembroke Inn, 1 International drive just off the by-pass at the junction of Hwy's 17 and 41.

Rates per night are as follows:

 \$ 69.00 single
 \$ 79.00 double
Specialty \$ 79.00 to \$ 125.00

Reservations may be made by phone. The number is (613) 735-0131, or FAX (613) 735-0132. Although Pembroke should be relatively free of tourists, it is strongly recommended that you **GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN NOW**. Sixty rooms are block-booked but this booking expires on 5 Oct 93. Reserving after that date is likely to be extremely dicey - **DO IT NOW**.

There is ample free parking for hotel guests immediately adjacent to the hotel. The normal facilities of a Best Western Hotel are available with an indoor swimming pool, and a fitness centre. Although not within walking distance of Pembroke, transportation will be made available. Entertainment will be provided by the Royal Canadian Legion Swing band which is one of the premium bands in the Ottawa Valley.

The format of the weekend will follow that of previous years. The reception on Friday evening will provide an excellent opportunity to catch up with old friends and regimental acquaintances. Saturday morning will include the Board of Directors meeting at 8:00 AM and the Annual General Meeting of the Association at 10:00 AM. The Granting of the Freedom of the City to the Regiment will take place at 2:00 PM with a reception to follow. We will gather at 6:00 PM Saturday evening for cocktails followed by the dinner dance. The cost will be \$ 60.00 per person covering expenses incurred by the above functions. (Although inflation and GST have taken their toll, we have managed to keep the prices at the level of the 1991 Kingston function.) If you are able to attend, please remove the registration card below and return it along with your cheque made payable to The RCD Association, Upper Ottawa Valley Chapter by NOT LATER THAN 4 OCT 1993. Cheques may be post-dated to 5 Nov. 1993. We hope this re-union will cap all your experiences as members of the Regiment, with it co-inciding with Leliefontein; the 110th Birthday of the Regiment, and the Granting of the Freedom of the City to the Regiment.

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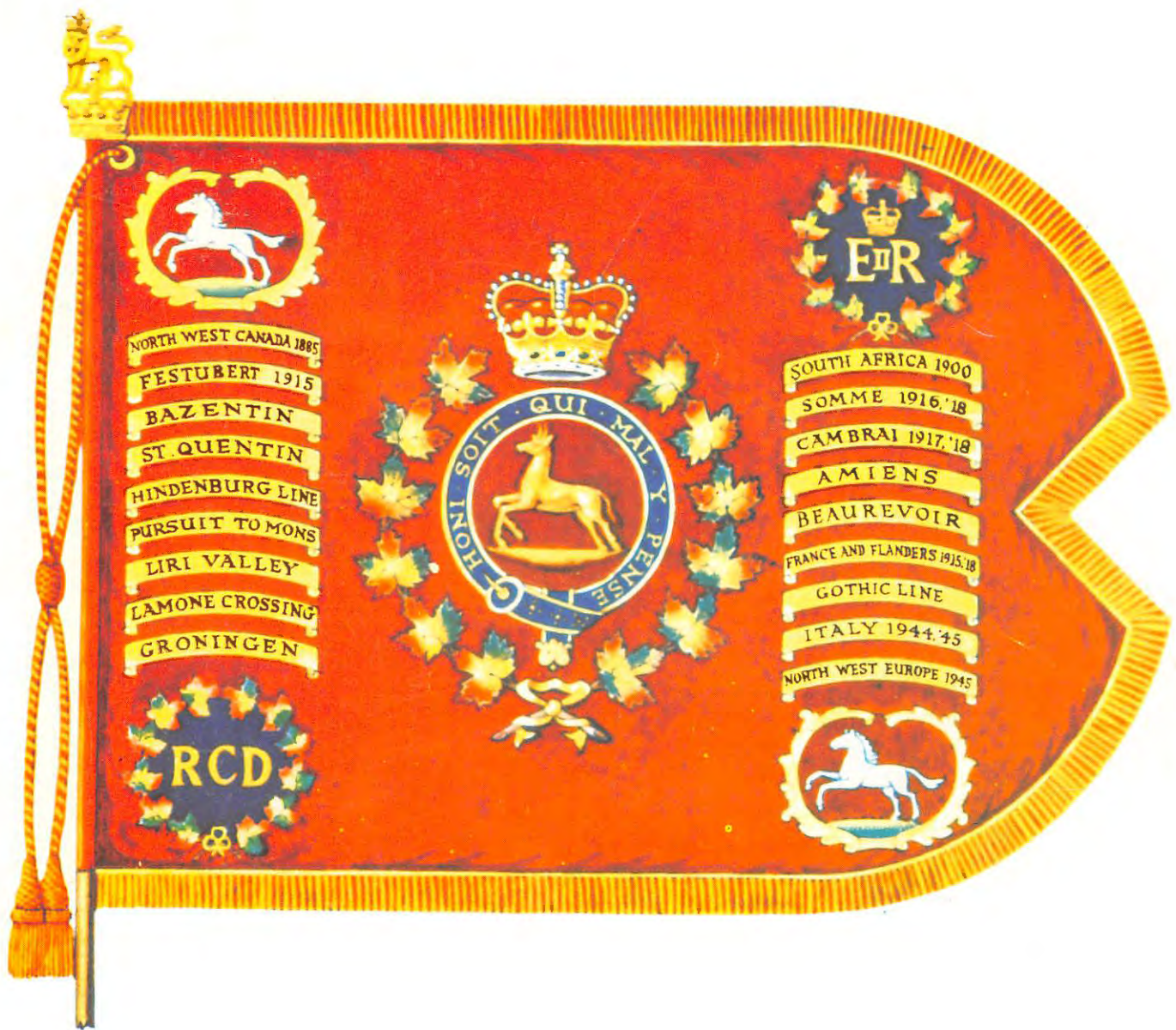


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